



Graduation of cohort 96 of the Young African Leaders from 14 countries in East and Central Africa after an intensive four-week residential program in three tracks: Business & Entrepreneurship, Civic Leadership and Public Management. Over 2,600 alumni have graduated from the program and are now transforming themselves, their communities, and their countries.

# **EAST AFRICA**

# YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE (YALI) REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CENTER (RLC) EAST AFRICA

The YALI RLC East Africa empowers inspiring young leaders from 14 East and Central African countries with the skills, knowledge, and networks to drive Africa's growth and unlock the continent's potential.

The YALI RLC is East Africa's premier leadership development program, bringing together innovative problem-solvers to foster a regional perspective and solve today's challenges within and beyond their countries. After completing the transformative leadership development program, YALI RLC East Africa alumni continue to make a significant difference in their communities and across the region through the growing YALI alumni network.

# **OUR WORK**

YALI RLC East Africa is one of four regional leadership centers in Africa that provide leadership training in three distinct tracks: Business and Entrepreneurship, Civic Leadership, and Public Management. The East Africa Center, located at Kenyatta University in Nairobi and managed by Deloitte East Africa, is supported by a growing number of African and international partners from both the public and private sectors. Every young leader is carefully selected and, as a result of completing the unique and life-changing curriculum, emerges equipped and passionate to re-write the African narrative. Over 2,600 alumni have graduated from the program and are now transforming themselves, their communities, and their countries, setting a new standard for ethics, governance, and innovation in both the public and private sector.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

To date, YALI Regional Leadership Center East Africa has:

- Graduated over 2,600 alumni in 29 cohorts.
- Incubated new businesses: over 50 percent of YALI RLC alumni reported starting new business ventures after completing the program.
- Partnered with a growing number of African and international companies and organizations.
- Linked alumni to U.S. Embassies in their respective countries.
- Established alumni chapters in each of the 14countries in East and Central Africa. Alumni drive the RLC's agenda of amplifying results throughout a regional network.
- Received a major boost in May 2018 with the Center's registration as a Company limited by guarantee which gives the Center requisite legal structure to receive much needed resources for sustainability.
- Collaborated with the other three YALI RLCs in Ghana, South Africa, and Senegal towards a sustainable YALI Africa.

#### **ACTIVITY LOCATIONS:**

Burundi, Central Africa Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

#### **KEY PARTNERS**

- Deloitte
- Kenyatta University
- MasterCard Foundation

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